

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-16 remain under consideration. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Reconsideration of this Application and entry of the foregoing amendments are requested.

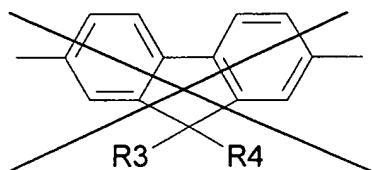
REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 1 has been amended by cancelling therefrom the subject matter not supported by the specification as originally filed.

More specifically, claim 1 no longer comprises:

“ ~~with the proviso that when M is~~



~~R₃ and R₄ are not C₁—C₁₂ linear or branched alkyl.~~ “

Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The rejections to the claims are believed to have been overcome by the present amendment. Favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

A check in the amount of \$210.00 is attached hereto to satisfy the government fee for the request for a two month extension of time. It is believed that no additional fees are due at this time, however should this determination be incorrect then please charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 13-2759 and notify the undersigned in due course. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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